

measures for reducing drunkenness. Orders of Government on the proposals made by the Committee are contained in Government Order No. Fl. 6221-2, dated 18th April 1918. The policy of Government is to discourage the consumption of alcoholic spirits by the gradual increase of rates of duty and by the regulation with the help of Licensing Boards of the opening, abolition and location of shops and also of the hours of sale, the age of persons to whom liquor may be sold and other matters.

(b) The consumption of arrack went down from 419,600 gallons in 1916-17 to 170,000 gallons in 1924-25, while the number of trees tapped for toddy declined from 430,237 in 1916-17 to 352,221 in 1924-25.

BY MR. N. SONNAPPA (Chickballapur Taluk).—

Q.—41. Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(a) The number of permanent appointments carrying a pay of more than Rs. 25 given to Vokkaliga candidates during the past three years in the undermentioned departments—

Education, Railway, Police, Medical, Forest, Agricultural, Revenue and Income-tax.

(b) What are the appointments, what is their number and of what pay each?

The details may kindly be furnished districtwar for three years from 1923-24 to 1925-26?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—41. (a) and (b) The information has been called for and will be supplied to the member on receipt.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Sonnappa.—

How long will it take for the Government to furnish the information referred to in the interpellation?

Chief Secretary.—

As soon as possible.

Mr. Sonnappa.—

Will the information be furnished to all the members?

Chief Secretary.

It will be published in the *Mysore Gazette*.

By MESSRS. HAMPIAH and A. VENKATARAMANA BOYEE
(Special Interests, Sidlaghatta); J. NARANAPPA
(Sidlaghatta Municipality).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars:—

(a) The number of income-tax notices served on the people of the Kolar District in 1924-25.

(b) How many out of such people have been found liable to income-tax?

(c) Are Government aware of the inconvenience caused by the issue of such notices to persons who are subsequently found not liable to the tax?

(d) Is it possible to pass orders authorising the authorities of the taluk to consult some select local merchants and Municipal Councillors regarding the condition of assesses, before recommendations are sent up for orders?

(e) In the present practice of calculating the income at a certain percentage on the transactions of assesses, is it not possible to reduce this percentage by 50 per cent?

(f) What is the total number of appeals preferred by the assesses to the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar District? In how many of the appeals was the tax (1) reduced, and (2) cancelled?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—42. (a) 1,801.

(b) 851.

(c) To prevent, as far as possible, the inconvenience referred to, the minimum income of potential assesses whose names are to be included in the list furnished by Amildars and Inspectors has recently been raised from 1,440 to 1,800 and instructions have also been issued to Income-tax Officers to exercise discretion under Section 22 (2) of the Regulation and omit the names of persons not likely to be in receipt of taxable income.

(d) This proposal was carefully considered and was not found to be practicable.

(e) These rates are reduced whenever circumstances warrant reduction.